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Attn: Ms. Mary Adams  
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Dear Ms. Adams:

San Luis Obispo **COASTKEEPER** is organized to protect and enhance the water quality on the waters of San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara County. On behalf of our 800 Central Coast supporters, thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments on the Public Review Draft 2008 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments (303(d) list). I commend the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff's proposed additions to the 2008 303(d) list and strongly urge the Regional Board to endorse the addition of these hundreds of water quality impaired segments to the 2008 303(d) list.

Beyond supporting the many additions proposed throughout the Central Coast region, SLO Coastkeeper also urges the Regional Board to work with the State Water Resources Control Board, and other responsible agencies, to adopt aggressive Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) cleanup plans that restore beneficial uses for existing listings, and for new listings being proposed for addition to the list.

SLO Coastkeeper also support the delisting of 303(d)-listed impaired waterways as identified by Staff if and only if it has been demonstrated, with a preponderance of evidence, that water quality has been completely restored to restore beneficial uses. Further, I support delistings that are delisted for the purpose of adding more specificity in defining impairments. As long as general listing removals are replaced with decisions for each of the specific pollutants that apply and TMDL implementation dates are not delayed by the de-listing/re-listing process. For example, I support the Regional Board's decision to de-list Pismo Beach for indicator bacteria

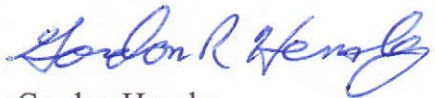


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only if as the general pollutant "Indicator Bacteria" will be replaced with individual assessments for each indicator.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment; I appreciate your consideration of these comments in your process of drafting California's 2008 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments for California's Central Coast. If you have any questions or would like discuss any of the above recommendations further, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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San Luis Obispo **COASTKEEPER**



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